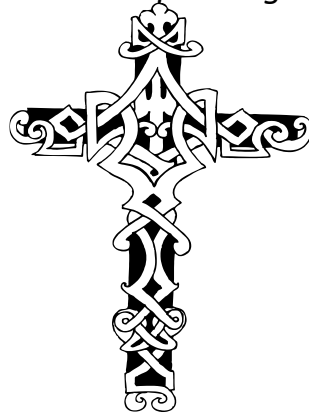


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Sunday, October 27, 2024 Reformation Sunday

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY INTERN: Jen Eisenberg

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INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Walter Kondratowski

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowski

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Brianna Davis / 11am Jeff Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

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Welcome
Reformation Sunday

8:30am Worship

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.

“Be still and know that I am God.” ~ Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *“A Mighty Fortress”* Wilbur Held

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 58

Leader: The God of justice calls and the righteous rejoice.

People: We know God judges the earth with mercy and kindness.

*HYMN *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* No. 260

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! You send your Son Jesus to heal our bodies, our minds and our souls. We give you thanks for your goodness and mercy. We are dependent on your kindness. We are slow to trust you. We are prone to rely on our own wisdom and abilities. Forgive us for thinking we can do it on our own. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE [*Please share Christ’s peace with one another.*]

*HYMN *“Spirit of the Living God”*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Ali Elias-Lizardo

ANTHEM *“Lord, Make Us Messengers of Your Peace”* Jan Carneghi

FIRST SCRIPTURE Proverbs 3:5-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 15:21-28

SERMON SERIES: MATTHEW: GOSPEL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

SERMON *“The Church as an Agent of Reform”* Rev Robert K. Bronkema



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: www.straspres.org under the "Events" tab for current church events and please be sure to like us on Facebook. Children's Church is available for kids K-5th grades. Children will go to room 11 after the children's sermon.

COFFEE HOUR • Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Sandy & Al Bernstorf, Janice Bowers and Jane Weese. Hosts next week: The Johnson Family. Volunteers are needed! All volunteers will be reimbursed for their purchases. If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please contact Theresa Rineer at 717-682-9954 or email rineertheresa@yahoo.com. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS • There are a number of items that have made a home in the lost and found. If you are missing a hat, gloves, water bottle, shirt, coat, baseball gloves, or other items, please check the lost and found, located on the coat rack in the foyer. All items not claimed by **Sunday, November 4, will be donated.**

CHANCEL CHOIR • It's never too late to join the Chancel Choir! If you enjoy singing beautiful, inspiring anthems, we invite you to join us for a one-hour rehearsal each Thursday at 7pm, in the Choir Room, and then again each Sunday at 8am, in the Sanctuary choir loft, for a 15-minute rehearsal. We would love to have you join us! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Jonathan Jones: jjones@straspres.org or 484.949.4514.

MILITARY PERSONNEL • The Deacons have been gathering a list of active and retired military personnel for our records. If you have not done so already, or are not sure if you've done so, please place a note in the office administrator's mailbox, Nicole Keays, or email at Nkeays@straspres.org, the following information.

- Name and Branch of Service
- Years of Service
- Picture

LIBRARY NEWS • Our library this month is featuring author Max Lucado. Some of his books are on the table in the library and on the hallway table. More Lucado books are found under Christian Growth #4.

**From October 27 – November 2, for any pastoral emergencies, please contact Jen Eisenberg at 717-201-1696 or jeisenberg@straspres.org.

Water Street Rescue Mission Volunteer Opportunities

There are opportunities this fall for our congregation to serve meals at Water Street Rescue Mission. These events will require around 2.5 hours of your time serving meals to the Mission's residents. Our church has 2 slots reserved for each of the following meals and there will be someone from our volunteer team serving with you.

Tuesday, November 5	Dinner	4:00pm to 6:30pm
Friday, November 15	Lunch	11:00am to 1:30pm
Friday, December 20	Lunch	11:00pm to 1:30pm



If you are interested in serving or if you would like to learn more about these serving opportunities reach out to Terry Sweigart at 717-606-6907 or by email at tsweig@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration.

ASSISTANCE CORNER

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- canned soups
- canned meats



NURSERY NEEDS: The nursery is in need of goldfish crackers, baby wipes and Clorox wipes. Thank you for considering this request!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We will be collecting small toys, new beanie babies, tissue packs, small writing tablets, crayons 24 pack, bandanas, ball caps, small reading books, small crafts, plastic bowls, small new plastic water bottles, plastic reusable utensils, socks, mittens, and small tote bags (all items can be purchased at the dollar store). The collection box is outside room #5.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX PACKAGING: Join in the fun of stuffing the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 17th at 10am**. We are also in need of help on **Saturday, November 16th** to set up tables and items for packaging of the shoeboxes. Please see Beth Feiler for time.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help on Sunday mornings in the Nursery, Children's Church and Sunday School. Please consider and pray about assisting in these rooms and getting to know the awesome children of our church family. There are sign-up sheets located on the wall racks by the welcome desk, or contact Beth Feiler or Amy Black.



FPCS HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF: The Session of our Church has approved contributing \$10,000 divided between the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Mennonite Disaster Service. If you, in the congregation, feel led to make an additional contribution to this Relief Fund, you can make a notation on an Offering Envelope or Check stating "Hurricane Helene Relief," making your check out to First Presbyterian Church.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE: Each year the local Boy Scout Troop 56 collects food from our area and brings the donations to Fellowship Hall where it is sorted, dates checked & then stocked onto our shelves. We welcome anyone who would like to help with this annual food collection on **Saturday, November 9th at 9am**. We generally are done no later than 1 pm. If you could donate anytime during the day we would greatly appreciate the extra hands. It is an enjoyable experience as we help the community, get to know the Scouts and leaders, and the youth from FPC as we work side-by-side. Any questions please contact Donna Stettler.





Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

“OUR TABLE” WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY • Every Friday Night Beginning at 6pm • Got friends? Bring ‘em along! Everyone is welcome at Our Table! The meal is followed by an interactive Bible study, worship songs, and prayer. Eat and run or stay for the fun; we’re just happy you showed up. There’s always room at Our Table!

WEDNESDAY MORNING WALK/RUN GROUP • Wednesday mornings (weather permitting) we will meet at the church parking lot at 5:25am and take off at 5:30am sharp. We will embark on 3, one mile loops through town, each loop ending at the church before starting the next. All are welcome! You can walk, run, or both. You can do 1, 2, or all 3 miles and then some! Questions, or to be added to the text message update group please contact Dillon Sickler at 484-467-1587.

TODDLER GYM • Join us weekly on **Fridays from 9 - 10am (Sept. – May)** for playtime for ages 1 – Kindergarten with their caregivers. This program is free and open to the public and follows the Lampeter School District schedule. For more information, contact Amy Black at 717-224-3036 or ablack@straspres.org.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES continue at **3pm on Sundays until November 3.** Anyone interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or joining our church family is welcome to attend!

TRUNK OR TREAT • Join us from 5-6:30pm **TONIGHT!** It’s not too late to have your car parked and decorated with a suitable theme by 4:30pm. Children should arrive in a costume between 5-6:30pm. Contact Beth Feiler at 717-572-9683 or bfeiler@straspres.org with any questions.



NEXT WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 3, 2024

1st Scripture: I Samuel 16:1, 6-8

2nd Scripture: Matthew

16:1-4

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 27 * Reformation Sunday

- 8:30am **Worship** (Classic)
9:30am **Coffee Hour**
10am **Sunday School Classes** for all ages
*Children's Sunday School Grades K – 5: Rm 12
*Youth Sunday School
-Grades 6 – 7: Room 5 -Grades 8 – 12: Youth Room
*Young Adults – Choir Room
*Wired Word – Library
*Young at Heart – Rm 3/4
11am **Worship** (Modern)
*No Confirmation Class
3pm New Member's Class - Library
5pm Trunk or Treat

IGNITED ♦ Trunk or Treat: 4:30 – 7:30pm

Tuesday, October 29

- 9am Women's Bible Study – Room 3/4
2pm Food Pantry
7pm Women's Bible Study – Room 3/4

Wednesday, October 30

- 1pm Knifty Knitters – Library
3pm Stitchin' Sisters – Room 3/4
7pm Praise Team Practice – Sanctuary

Thursday, October 31

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library – Bring your own coffee/breakfast items
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
*No Bible Study Tonight

Friday, November 1

- 2pm Food Pantry
6pm Our Table – FH

